



# Gilcomston Church

**Sunday 5 November**

***... therefore encourage one another  
with these words...***

***1 Thessalonians 4:18***

# **Morning Service**

**Building Healthy Churches**

**The best is still to be**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11**

**Rev Ian Hamilton**

**With hearts in love abounding  
we now prepare to sing  
a lofty theme, resounding  
Your praise, almighty King;  
whose love, rich gifts bestowing,  
has blessed the human race,  
whose lips are overflowing  
with words of truth and grace.**

**In majesty transcendent,  
put on Your conquering sword;  
in righteousness resplendent,  
ride on, incarnate Word.  
Ride on, O King Messiah!  
to glory and renown;  
pierced by Your shafts of fire,  
each foe be overthrown.**

**So reign, O God, in heaven,  
eternally the same,  
and endless praise be given  
to Your almighty name.**

**Clothed in Your dazzling brightness,  
Your church on earth behold  
in robes of purest whiteness,  
in garments worked in gold.**

**Let every tribe and nation  
come gladly in the throng,  
to share her great salvation,  
and join her grateful song:  
then shall no note of sadness  
awake the trembling string;  
one song of joy and gladness  
the ransomed world shall sing.**

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**Prayer**

## 1 Thessalonians 4.13- 5.11

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

## 1 Thessalonians 4.13- 5.11

<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

# 1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11

<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

<sup>5</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,

# 1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11

<sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

## 1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11

<sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

## 1 Thessalonians 4.13-5.11

<sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

# Children's Talk

***He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.  
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.  
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty to save!***

**Jesus died upon the cross,  
they laid Him in the grave.  
Three days later Sunday came  
the stone was rolled away.  
Hear the angels say:**

***He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.  
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.  
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty to save!***

**Jesus is the only way,  
He breaks the power of sin.  
All who come believing  
are gonna rise again like Him.  
Hear the angels sing:**

***He lives! He lives! Jesus the Saviour.  
He lives! He lives! He rose from the grave.  
And He's mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty, mighty,  
mighty, mighty to save!***

**Colin Buchanan**

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**Prayer**

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;  
a glimpse of glory  
now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make His will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world  
has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!**

**Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,  
when I behold His face!**

**When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied,  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.**

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**Prayer**

# Message

**Building Healthy Churches**

**The best is still to be**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:11**

**Prayer**

**There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known,  
where faithful ones from every tongue  
will one day come.**

**Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace,  
salvation comes.**

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings;  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies  
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks and honour are  
to God, our King who reigns on high  
for evermore.*

**And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honour Him in perfect song,  
where we belong.**

**He'll wipe each tear stained eye,  
as thirst and hunger die;  
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd King,  
we'll reign with Him.**

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings;  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies  
their praises rise.*

*All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks and honour are  
to God, our King who reigns on high  
for evermore.*

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# Evening Service

**The Kingmaker**  
**Anointing the king**  
**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
and He is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living waters flow,  
a ransomed soul, He leads me;  
and where the richest pastures grow,  
with food from heaven feeds me.**

**Perverse and foolish I have strayed,  
but in His love He sought me;  
and on His shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with You, dear Lord, beside me;  
Your rod and staff my comfort still,  
Your cross before to guide me.**

**You spread a banquet in my sight  
of grace beyond all knowing;  
and O, the wonder and delight  
from Your pure chalice flowing!**

**And so through all the length of days  
Your goodness fails me never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise  
within Your house for ever!**

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# Prayer

## 1 Samuel 16. 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”

## 1 Samuel 16. 1-13

<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.

## 1 Samuel 16. 1-13

Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.

## 1 Samuel 16. 1-13

The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”

## 1 Samuel 16. 1-13

<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

## 1 Samuel 16. 1-13

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

# Prayer

**Search me, O God! My actions try,  
and let my life appear  
as seen by Your all-searching eye;  
to mine my ways make clear.**

**Search all my mind and know my heart:  
You only can make known  
and cause the deep, the hidden part  
to me be fully shown.**

**Search, till Your fiery glance has cast  
its holy light through all,  
and I by grace am brought at last  
before Your face to fall.**

**Thus humbled I shall come to see  
what now I feebly prove,  
that God alone in Christ can be  
unutterable love!**

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# Prayer

# Message

**The Kingmaker**  
**Anointing the king**  
**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

# Prayer

**The Lord my shepherd rules my life  
and gives me all I need;  
He leads me by refreshing streams,  
in pastures green I feed;  
He leads me by refreshing streams,  
in pastures green I feed.**

**The Lord revives my failing strength,  
He makes my joy complete;  
and in right paths for His name's sake,  
He guides my faltering feet;  
and in right paths for His name's sake,  
He guides my faltering feet.**

**Though in a valley dark as death,  
no evil makes me fear;  
Your shepherd's staff protects my way,  
for You are with me there;  
Your shepherd's staff protects my way,  
for You are with me there.**

**While all my enemies look on  
You spread a royal feast;  
You fill my cup, anoint my head,  
and treat me as Your guest;  
You fill my cup, anoint my head,  
and treat me as Your guest.**

**Your goodness and your gracious love  
pursue me all my days:  
Your house, O Lord, shall be my home—  
Your name, my endless praise;  
Your house, O Lord, shall be my home—  
Your name my endless praise.**

*Christopher Idle*

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**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

# Church Calendar

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